

By the Committee on Environmental Protection and
Representatives Albright and Feeny

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to designations for Florida
3 lands; creating s. 253.0015, F.S.; requiring
4 prior approval by the Legislature and the
5 Governor and Cabinet for certain designations
6 of state-owned lands or lands contiguous
7 thereto; providing application; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 253.0015, Florida Statutes, is
13 created to read:

14 253.0015 Designations of state-owned lands.--

15 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to conserve
16 and protect the natural resources and scenic beauty of those
17 lands defined by s. 11, Art. X of the State Constitution or
18 titled to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
19 Trust Fund. To accomplish this, the Legislature recognizes
20 that programs, initiatives, or designations created or
21 sponsored by national governments or international
22 organizations have been and will be undertaken to further the
23 conservation and protection of lands. It is further the
24 intent of the Legislature to encourage individuals, local
25 governments, and any other private or public entity to
26 participate in these programs, initiatives, or designations
27 where appropriate.

28 (2) Prior to participating in any program, initiative,
29 or designation as described in subsection (1) which shall
30 include or be contiguous to state-owned lands as defined in
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1 subsection (1), the following authorizations shall be
2 obtained:
3 (a) A resolution of support for the program,
4 initiative, or designation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting
5 as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
6 Fund; and
7 (b) A resolution from each house of the Legislature
8 supporting the program, initiative, or designation.
9 (3) Participation in any program, initiative, or
10 designation as described in subsection (1) shall not:
11 (a) Empower any unit of state or local government or
12 any water management district to impose additional or more
13 restrictive environmental, land use, or zoning rules or
14 regulations.
15 (b) Be construed or cited as authority to adopt or
16 enforce any environmental rule or regulation; any
17 comprehensive plan goal, policy, or objective; any zoning or
18 land use ordinance; the imposition of any permit condition; or
19 the application of any other rule, regulation, or ordinance by
20 any unit of government.
21 (c) Be used by any unit of government to reduce or
22 restrict the rights to the owners of lands within or
23 contiguous to the area proposed to be included in any program,
24 initiative, or designation as described in subsection (1).
25 (4) This section shall not apply to those programs,
26 initiatives, or designations specifically established in
27 federal public law, the Code of Federal Regulations, or
28 disaster and emergency declarations.
29 (5) Provisions of this section shall apply to any
30 program, initiative, or designation applied for on or after
31 September 1, 1997.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
2 law.
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